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PRESSURE-SENSITIVE ADHESIVE WHICH CAN BE APPLIED WHILE HOT

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4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
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7. ☒ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).
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10. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
11. ☐ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

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13. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **amend claims 4 and 5** as follows:

Claim 4, line 1 and 2: Change "any of the preceding claims" to -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 5, line 1 and 2: Change "any of the preceding claims" to -- Claim 1 --.

REMARKS

The principal purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple dependencies in order to avoid extra fees, applicants reserving the right to amend claims to cancelled combined subject.

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CLAIMS

1. Pressure-sensitive adhesive comprising:
 - an ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate copolymer (A), the alkyl group having at least 5 carbon atoms,
 - 5 - at least one tackifying resin and optionally a plasticizer, this adhesive being deposited while hot on a substrate.
2. Adhesive according to Claim 1, in which the alkyl group of the alkyl (meth)acrylate has from 6
10 to 24 carbon atoms.
3. Adhesive according to Claim 1, in which (A) is a copolymer of ethylene and of 2-ethylhexyl acrylate.
4. Adhesive according to any one of the
15 preceding claims, in which the amount of tackifying resin is from 50 to 180 parts (by weight), preferably 100 to 150, per 100 parts of (A).
5. Adhesive according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the amount of plasticizer is
20 from 10 to 30 parts per 100 parts of (A).

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(A),

- an ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate copolymer

- at least one tackifying resin and optionally a plasticizer, this adhesive being deposited while hot on a substrate.

These products are useful for self-adhesive labels and tapes.

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**PRESSURE-SENSITIVE ADHESIVE WHICH CAN BE APPLIED
WHILE HOT**

The present invention relates to a pressure-sensitive adhesive which can be applied while hot.

5 Hot-melt adhesives are thermoplastic materials which are solid at room temperature and which, on heating, become viscous liquids. These viscous liquids are applied to a first substrate and then the substrate is covered with a second surface. On
10 cooling, adhesion is obtained between the substrate and the second surface. The assembly time is the period during which the adhesive which has been applied to a substrate, which is at room temperature, remains tacky, that is to say the interval of time during which it is
15 possible to apply the second surface and, on cooling, to obtain adhesion between the substrate and the second surface.

Once this assembly time period has been exceeded, it is no longer possible to obtain sufficient
20 adhesion between the substrate and the second surface.

These adhesives are denoted by the abbreviation HMA (hot-melt adhesives). Adhesives having an infinite assembly time are useful for self-adhesive labels or adhesive tapes which are used at room
25 temperature. Depending on the nature of the adhesive, it is possible to obtain more or less strong adhesions, for example to detach and reattach the label. Bonding

is achieved by pressure at room temperature. The adhesive is deposited on the substrate (for example, label or tape) while hot. These adhesives are denoted by HMPSA (hot-melt pressure-sensitive adhesives). The present invention relates to this type of adhesive. They are also sometimes denoted as self-adhesive hot-melt compositions.

According to the prior art, see, for example, Ullmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry, 5th edition (1995), Vol. A 26, p. 659-660, HMPSAs are preferably based on SIS (styrene/isoprene/styrene) or SBS (styrene/butadiene/styrene) block copolymers.

Mention has been made, in Patent US 5,373,041, relating to HMPSAs, as disadvantages of SBSs and SISs, of their instability towards heat and towards U.V. radiation, as well as of their poor resistance to oils. Provision was thus made, in this patent, to replace SBSs and SISs with copolymers composed of 60 to 70% (by weight) of ethylene, 30 to 40% of n-butyl acrylate and from 0 to 5% of (meth)acrylic acid, which can be neutralized by metal ions.

It has now been discovered that ethylene/alkyl meth(acrylate) copolymers, the alkyl group having at least 5 carbon atoms and advantageously 6 to 24 carbon atoms, make it possible to prepare HMPSA adhesives with properties essentially similar to those based on SIS or SBS, while having a better loop tack.

The present invention is thus a pressure-

sensitive adhesive comprising:

- an ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate copolymer (A), the alkyl group having at least 5 carbon atoms,
- a tackifying resin and optionally a plasticizer.

These adhesives are deposited while hot (molten) on a substrate, such as, for example, a tape made of paper or made of polyamide, polyolefin or polyester; on cooling, a face is obtained which is adhesive at room temperature. This adhesive face can be protected before use by a silicone-containing paper or the other face of the substrate (rolling up of an adhesive tape on itself).

In the continuation of the text, reference is made to various tests or methods for measuring the properties of HMPSAs:

The loop tack test is the FINAT FTM 9 test described in the FINAT technical manual, Laan Copes Van Cattenbubch 79, NL 2585 EW, THE HAGUE (1995).

This test characterizes the instantaneous adhesion or "tack". The tack is defined as being the force required to detach an HMPSA-coated PET (polyethylene terephthalate) loop, a predetermined surface of which has been brought into contact beforehand with a stainless steel plate.

The HMPSA is coated, between 140°C and 180°C, on a 25 × 400 mm² PET strip. The thickness being constant, the weight per unit area is between 18 and

22 g/m². The test strips must be conditioned for at least 4 hours before the test in a controlled-environment room at 23 ± 2°C and 50 ± 5% RH (relative humidity). The self-adhesive tape is applied using a
 5 standardized 2 kg conventional roller.

The test is carried out using a dynamometer, at a rate of 300 mm/min, in a controlled-environment room at 23 ± 2°C and 50 ± 5% RH.

The loop tack is quantified by the value of
 10 the maximum force. The result of the creep test is given in N/cm. The type of failure must be mentioned.

The various types of failure are defined as follows:

Adhesive failure

15 The HMPSA does not adhere to one of the two substrates.

Cohesive failure

Failure in the adhesive seal is observed. In this case, the two adhesively-bonded substrates carry
 20 away part of the seal during traction.

Mixed failure

Failure is indecisive and both types of failures described above can be observed on the same test specimen.

25 The creep behaviour is determined by the FTM8 test (FINAT manual already mentioned).

The creep test measures the ability of an HMPSA to withstand a static force of 1 kgf at a given

temperature.

The resistance to static shearing is defined by the time necessary to separate, by parallel vertical slippage, an area of $25 \times 25 \text{ mm}^2$, coated with HMPSA, from a flat stainless steel plate.

The HMPSA is coated, between 140°C and 180°C , on a $25 \times 400 \text{ mm}^2$ PET strip. The thickness being constant, the weight per unit area is between 18 and 22 g/m^2 . The test strips must be conditioned for at least 4 hours before the test in a controlled-environment room at $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ and $50 \pm 5\% \text{ RH}$. The self-adhesive tape is applied using a standardized 2 kg conventional roller.

The result of the creep test is given in minutes. The type of failure must be mentioned.

Adhesion to steel is determined by the FTM1 test (FINAT manual already mentioned).

This test quantifies the adhesiveness. The latter is defined as being the force required to remove a PET strip, coated with HMPSA, from a stainless steel plate.

The HMPSA is coated, between 140°C and 180°C , on a $25 \times 400 \text{ mm}$ PET strip. The thickness being constant, the weight per unit area is between 18 and 22 g/m^2 . The test strips must be conditioned for at least 4 hours before the test in a controlled-environment room at $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ and $50 \pm 5\% \text{ RH}$. The self-adhesive tape is applied using a standardized 2 kg

conventional roller.

The adhesive force is measured 20 minutes after application. The test is carried out using a dynamometer, at an angle of 180°, at a rate of
 5 300 mm/min in a controlled-environment room at $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ and $50 \pm 5\%$ RH.

The result of the peel test is given in N/cm. The type of failure must be mentioned.

Cloud point:

10 The cloud point is determined as follows: the adhesive is heated to 175°C and a drop of it is deposited on the bulb of an ASTM thermometer, and then the temperature at which cloudiness appears during cooling is recorded. A value of less than 50°C or 60°C
 15 indicates good compatibility between the constituents of the hot melt.

Brookfield viscosity:

Measured at 170°C , needle 27 at 10 revolutions/minute according to ASTM D 3236.

20 SAFT (shear adhesion failure temperature)

The SAFT test (ASTM D 4498) measures the ability of an HMPSA to withstand a static force of 0.5 kg (or 0.25 kg) under the effect of a steady rise in temperature of $0.4^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$.

25 The SAFT is defined by the temperature at which separation, by parallel vertical slippage, may be observed of an area of $25 \times 25 \text{ mm}^2$, coated with HMPSA, from a flat stainless steel plate.

The HMPSA is coated, between 140°C and 180°C, on a 25 × 400 mm² PET strip. The thickness being constant, the weight per unit area is between 18 and 22 g/m². The test strips must be conditioned for at least 4 hours before the test in a controlled-environment room at 23 ± 2°C and 50 ± 5% RH. The self-adhesive tape is applied using a standardized 2 kg conventional roller.

The result of the SAFT is given in °C. The type of failure must be mentioned.

Finger tack (internal method)

This test gives an idea of the immediate adhesion of an HMPSA coated onto a PET substrate. The finger tack value is between 0 and 3.

- 0 : no tack,
- 1 : insufficient tack,
- 2 : good tack,
- 3 : excellent tack.

Rolling ball tack test ASTM D 3121 of 1989

During the determination of the tack of a dispersion according to the rolling ball tack method, a steel ball is released at the top of an inclined plane.

The ball accelerates and rolls along a horizontal surface covered with the test product. The tack is determined by measuring the distance travelled by the ball before it comes to a halt.

Equipment

- Device equipped with an inclined plane of

20.0 \pm 0.2°

- Steel ball with a mass of 5.60 \pm 0.05 g
- Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) strips coated with test products.

5 The ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate copolymer (A) is such that the alkyl group contains at least 5 carbon atoms.

 This is because the Applicant Company has discovered that alkyls having at least 5 carbon atoms
10 give tack to the HMPSA.

 The alkyl can be linear, branched or cyclic. It advantageously comprises 6 to 24 carbon atoms. Mention may be made, as example of these alkyl (meth)acrylates, of 2-ethylhexyl (meth)acrylate.

15 The (meth)acrylate content is advantageously at most 50% and preferably between 20 and 40% by weight. The melt flow index (or MFI) can be between 0.1 and 1000 and is preferably at least 200 (in g/10 min according to ASTM D 1238-73, conditions E).

20 It would not be departing from the scope of the invention to use a mixture of at least two ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate copolymers.

 According to another form of the invention, (A) can be a mixture of two copolymers (A₁) and (A₂)
25 with different MFI values.

 Advantageously, (A₁) has an MFI of less than 10 and (A₂) has an MFI of greater than 10. For example, the MFI of (A₁) is between 1 and 3 and the MFI of (A₂)

is between 50 and 400.

The adhesives of the invention contain one or more tackifying resins and optionally plasticizers, fillers and stabilizers.

5 Tackifying resins which are suitable are, for example, rosin, rosin esters, hydrogenated rosin, polyterpenes and derivatives, aromatic or aliphatic petroleum resins, or hydrogenated cyclic resins. These resins typically have a ring-and-ball softening
10 temperature of between 25°C and 180°C and preferably between 50°C and 135°C.

The amount of tackifying resin can be from 50 to 180 parts per 100 parts of (A) and preferably 100 to 150 parts.

15 Other examples of rosin derivatives are described in Ullmann's (cited above), Vol. A 23, p. 79-86, the contents being incorporated in the present application.

20 Mention may be made, as derivatives of rosin, of those obtained by hydrogenation, dehydrogenation, polymerization or esterification. These derivatives can be used as is or in the form of esters of polyols, such as esters of pentaerythritol, polyethylene glycol and glycerol.

25 Mention may also be made, as tackifying resin, of dicyclopentadienes.

The plasticizers which can be used in the adhesives of the invention are, for example,

paraffinic, aromatic or naphthenic mineral oils. They serve essentially to lower the viscosity and to introduce tack. The amount of plasticizer can be between 10 and 30 parts per 100 parts of (A).

5 Mention may also be made, as plasticizer, of phthalates, azelates, adipates, tricresyl phosphate and polyesters.

10 Mention may be made, as examples of fillers, of silica, alumina, glass, glass beads, calcium carbonates, fibres and metal hydroxides. These fillers must not reduce either the tack or the mechanical properties of the adhesive after it has been applied. The amount of fillers can represent up to 100 parts per 100 parts of (A).

15 It is recommended to add stabilizers, such as antioxidants; the usual antioxidants for thermoplastics can be used.

20 The hot-melt adhesives of the invention are prepared by mixing in the molten state, at temperatures between 130°C and 200°C, until a homogeneous mixture is obtained. The duration of mixing can be of the order of 30 minutes to 3 hours. The usual devices for thermoplastics, such as extruders, rollers, Banbury or Brabender mixers, or propeller mixers, can be used.

25 Examples

The following products were used:

SIS: styrene/isoprene/styrene block copolymer containing 15% PS, sold by Shell under the reference

Kraton-D-1161 N.

E/2-EHA/3 to 8: ethylene/2-ethylhexyl
acrylate (2-EHA) copolymers with characteristics:

	2-EHA weight %	MFI g/min	M.p. °C	Tg °C measured by D.S.C.
E/2-EHA/3	26	3	89	-46
E/2-EHA/4	20	10	89	-36
E/2-EHA/5	25	45	88	-28
E/2-EHA/7	27	120	85	-39
E/2-EHA/8	37	410	73	-42

Permalyn 5095: solid rosin glycerol ester
(produced by Hercules)

Catenex N 956: aliphatic paraffinic oil
(produced by Shell)

Irganox 1010: phenolic antioxidant (produced
by Ciba Speciality Chemicals).

The properties of the HMPSAs produced with
SIS (not according to the invention) and according to
the invention with E/2-EHA copolymers are shown in the
following tables. The composition of the HMPSA is
stated at the head of each table.

For example, the E/2-EHA/7 column means that
this is an HMPSA based on the E/2-EHA/7 copolymer.

Table 1

35% (Copolymer (A) or SIS), 40% Permalyn 5095,
25% Catenex N956 and 0.2% Irganox 1010

	TESTS	UNITS	SIS	E/2-EHA/5	E/2-EHA/7	E/2-EHA/8
5	Cloud point	°C	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
	Brookfield viscosity 170°C 10 r/min, Nee. 27	mPa · s	9350	8830	3800	2250
10	S.A.F.T. 500 g 250 g s ASTM D 4498	°C	<30 54.9 0.7	<30 53.9 1.4	<30 58.5 2.0	<30 37.9 1.4
15	Static creep 1000 g, 23°C s Type of failure FTM8	min	42 9 CF	0 0 (AF, Stainless steel)	17 8 CF	0 0 CF
20	Peel at 180° PET/Stainless steel/23°C s Type of failure FTM1	N/cm	4.5 0.5 CF	2.5 0.2 (AF, Stainless steel)	3.3 0.6 CF	0.3 0 CF

AF: Adhesive failure; CF: Cohesive failure; MF: Adhesive mixed failure;

25 (AF): Adhesive failure with slight deposition of material on the plate

Table 2

35% (Copolymer (A) or SIS), 40% Permalyne 5095,
25% Catenex N956 and 0.2% Irganox 1010

	TESTS	UNITS	SIS	E/2-EHA/5	E/2-EHA/7	E/2-EHA/8
5	Rolling ball tack on PET s PSTC 6	cm	3 0	17 3	10 1	3 0
	Finger tack*	-	3	1	2	2
10	Loop tack PET/Stainless steel/23°C s Type of failure FTM9	N/cm	3.7 0.7 (AF, Stainless steel)	3.3 0.7 (AF, Stainless steel)	4.8 0.7 CF	2.3 0.8 CF

AF: Adhesive failure; CF: Cohesive failure; MF: Adhesive mixed failure;

15 (AF): Adhesive failure with slight deposition of material on the plate

*3: Strong tack; 2: Moderate tack; 1: Weak tack; 0: No tack

Table 3

30% (Copolymer (A) or SIS), 40% Permalyne 5095,
30% Catenex N956 and 0.2% Irganox 1010

	TESTS	UNITS	SIS	T5/E/2- EHA/3	T5/E/2- EHA/4
5	Cloud point	°C	< 50	< 50	< 50
	Brookfield viscosity 170°C 10 r/min, Nee. 27	mPa·s	4850	11900	8450
10	S.A.F.T. 250 g s ASTM D 4498	°C	49.0 2.0	51.1 4.2	45.1 2.1
15	Peel at 180° Mylar/Stainless steel/23°C s Type of failure FTM1	N/cm	6.1 0.1 CF	1.1 0.2 (AF, Stainless steel)	1.3 0.4 (AF, Stainless steel)

20 AF: Adhesive failure; CF: Cohesive failure; MF: Adhesive mixed failure;
(AF): Adhesive failure with slight deposition of material on the plate

Table 4

30% (Copolymer (A) or SIS), 40% Permalyne 5095,
30% Catenex N956 and 0.2% Irganox 1010

	TESTS	UNITS	SIS	E/2-EHA/3	E/2-EHA/4
5	Rolling ball tack on PET s PSTC 6	cm	3 0	6 1	4 1
	Finger tack*	-	3	1	1.5
10	Loop tack PET/Stainless steel/23°C s Type of failure FTM9	N/cm	4.6 0.8 (AF, Stainless steel)	2.3 0.8 (AF, Stainless steel)	2.5 0.6 (AF, Stainless steel)

AF: Adhesive failure; CF: Cohesive failure; MF: Adhesive mixed failure;

15 (AF): Adhesive failure with slight deposition of material on the plate

*3: Strong tack; 2: Moderate tack; 1: Weak tack; 0: No tack

Table 5

(15% Copolymer (A₁) + 15% Copolymer (A₂) or 30% SIS),
 40% Permalyne 5095, 30% Catenex N956 and
 0.2% Irganox 1010

5	TESTS	UNITS	30% SIS	E/2-EHA/3 E/2-EHA/5	E/2-EHA/3 E/2-EHA/7	E/2-EHA/3 E/2-EHA/8
	Cloud point	°C	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
	Brookfield viscosity 170°C 10 r/min, Nee. 27	mPa·s	4100	7200	4830	4700
10	S.A.F.T. 250 g s ASTM D 4498	°C	50.0 0.9	51.7 1.8	52.7 1.2	47.2 1.2
15	Static creep PET/Stainless steel/23°C 1000 g, s Type of failure FTM8	min	238 24 CF	109 10 CF	59 11 CF	31 6 CF
20	Rolling ball tack on PET s PSTC 6	cm	3 1	>40	>40	8 2
	Finger tack*	-	3	2	2	2.5

Table 6

(15% Copolymer (A₁) + 15% Copolymer (A₂) or 30% SIS),
 40% Permalyne 5095, 30% Catenex N956 and 0.2%
 Irganox 1010

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TESTS	UNITS	30% SIS	E/2-EHA/3 E/2-EHA/5	E/2-EHA/3 E/2-EHA/7	E/2-EHA/3 E/2-EHA/8
Loop tack PET/Stainless steel/23°C	N/cm	7.1	6.1	5.9	3.2
s		0.7	0.4	0.2	0.4
FTM9		CF	CF	CF	CF
Loop tack PET/Glass/23°C	N/cm	5.9	4.8	4.6	2.8
s		0.2	0.7	0.6	0.3
FTM9		CF	CF	CF	CF

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AF: Adhesive failure; CF: Cohesive failure; MF: Adhesive mixed failure;

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(AF): Adhesive failure with slight deposition of material on the plate

Table 7

(15% Copolymer (A₁) + 15% Copolymer (A₂) or 30% SIS),
 40% Permalyn 5095, 30% Catenex N956 and
 0.2% Irganox 1010

5	TESTS	UNITS	30% SIS	E/2-EHA/3 E/2-EHA/5	E/2-EHA/3 E/2-EHA/7	E/2-EHA/3 E/2-EHA/8
10	Loop tack PET/Stainless steel/23°C CF s MF s AF, Stainless steel s FTM9	N/cm			7.4 1.1 6.9 2.0	
15	Loop tack PET/Glass/23°C CF s MF s AF, Glass s FTM9	N/cm		11.2 0.8	6.5 1.5 3.2 0.5	6.2 0.3
20			3.3 0.8	1.5 0.5		

AF: Adhesive failure; CF: Cohesive failure; MF: Adhesive mixed failure;

25 (AF): Adhesive failure with slight deposition of material on the plate

CLAIMS

1. Hot-melt adhesive comprising:
 - an ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate copolymer
- 5 (A), the alkyl group having at least 5 carbon atoms,
 - at least one tackifying resin, optionally a plasticizer and optionally a wax,this adhesive being deposited while hot on a substrate.
2. Adhesive according to Claim 1, in which
- 10 the alkyl group of the alkyl (meth)acrylate has from 6 to 24 carbon atoms.
3. Adhesive according to Claim 1, in which
- (A) is a copolymer of ethylene and of 2-ethylhexyl acrylate.
- 15 4. Adhesive according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the amount of tackifying resin is from 50 to 180 parts (by weight), preferably 100 to 150, per 100 parts of (A).
5. Self-adhesive hot-melt pressure-
- 20 sensitive adhesive (HMPSA) according to any one of the preceding claims comprising:
 - the copolymer (A)
 - at least one tackifying resin
 - at least one plasticizer
 - 25 - optionally stabilizers.
6. Hot-melt adhesive (HMA) according to any one of Claims 1 to 4 comprising:

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PRESSURE-SENSITIVE ADHESIVE WHICH CAN BE APPLIED WHILE HOT

the specification of which

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